(c) The rail passenger traffic from stations in Bangalore during the last three years i.e. from April 2003 to March 2006 has shown a growth of 30%.

(d) It is planned to modernize and upgrade the passenger amenities at Bangalore City and Bangalore Cant. Yeshwanthpur and Krishnarajapuram stations of Bangalore City.

(e) Yes, Sir. Bangalore City has been nominated as a model station.

Ring railway service in Delhi

†1917. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make the ring railway service in the Capital, Delhi, more systematic and competent with a view to improve environment and minimise crowds on the road;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the development of ring rail service in Delhi during the last three years and till date; and

(d) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No separate funds for development of ring rail service in Delhi have been allocated during the last three years and till date.

(d) Does not arise.

Bridge on Dombivali Railway Station

1918. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stipulated date of completion of the bridge joining east to west side of Dombivali railway station of Central Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work is delayed because of irregularities committed by the contractor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and what action is being taken by the railway authorities;

(d) whether it is also a fact that because of incomplete work and unprotected ditches on the platform, many railway commuters met with the accidents; and

(e) if so, whether the Railways consider to give compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The stipulated date of completion is 23.6.2007.

(b) There was no irregularity committed by the contractor. The work was delayed because the earlier contractor failed to execute the work due to steep price hike in steel during the contract period.

(c) The earlier contract has been terminated at the risk and cost of defaulter contractor and fresh tenders have been awarded. Action for recovery of risk and cost amount from the defaulter contractor has been initiated.

(d) No accident took place due to unprotected ditches on the platform. Proper barricading is done whenever any work is carried out on the platforms.

(e) Does not arise.

Second rail line between Kurla and Mahul

1919. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to conduct a survey for a second line between Kurla and Mahul railway station to start a suburban service on this 22 kilometre route;

(b) if so, by when it would be surveyed;

(c) whether his Ministry would make provision for this rule in the supplementary railway budget for the year 2006-07 to be presented in July-August, 2006;

(d) how much provision was made for the various facilities for suburban passengers on all the suburban stations of both Central and Western Railway in the last five years; and